



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

re: Kucera, et al. Docket No.: IR-3332 (NBA)  
Serial No.: 10/609,116 Art Unit: 1762  
Filed: June 27, 2003 Examiner: D. Turocy  
For: "Improved Coating Process Utilizing Automated Systems"

June 8, 2005

**REPLY**

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Dear Sirs,

Applicants reply to the office action dated 12/8/04. A petition for extension of time and authorization to pay the fee and general authorization accompany this reply. Applicants will submit in due course a new oath and are obtaining signatures. Applicants present amended claims and arguments traversing the rejections. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Amendments to the claims appear in the next section. The rejections are traversed in the Remarks section.